रसायन और पेट्रो-रसायन विभाग में राज्य मंत्रः (श्रीः आर० के० उमचन्द्र सिंह) : (क) जी, नहीं । इंडियन पेट्रोकैमिकल्स कारपोरेशन लि० वर्ष 1984–85 और 1985–86 में विभिन्न प्लास्टिक उपभोक्ता एककों को इन्डोथेन और प्रोलीप्रोपीलीन की आपूर्ति करते रहे हैं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

नए कोयला डिपुओं को कोयले और कोक की सप्लाई न किया जाना

502. श्रीः प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 1984 और 1985 के वर्षों के दौरान संबंधित राज्यों द्वारा स्वीकृत किए गए नए कोयला डिपुओं को कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड कोयला और कोक सप्लाई नहीं कर रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्योरा क्या है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रः (श्रीः वसंत साठे) : (क) और (ख) किसी भी नए डिपो को कोयला नहीं दिया जा रहा है क्योंकि कोयला विभाग यह चाहता है कि ऐसे डिपो के काम-काज की निगरानी के लिए, राज्य सरकारें कोयले के वितरण और प्रायोजन का काम अपने हाथ में ले लें । जब राज्य सरकारें यह जिम्मेदारी अपने ऊपर ले लेंगी तब ऐसे डिपो को कोयला सप्लाई कर दिया जाएगा ।

Coal purchased by Bihar Electricity Board

503. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA: SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact ihat the coal purchased by Bihar Electricity Board contains large quantity of STO&PS;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the boilers were damaged by the use of such coal;

, (c) whether it is a fact that man}' officers havo been charge-sheeted, but so far no punishment has been awarded; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to rectify the situation'

TIIE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No Sir.

(b) There is no information about, damage caused to the boilers by using such coal.

(c) and (d) To improve the quality of coal a number of measures have been taken such as (i) construction of Coal Handling Plants (ii) break ing up of oversized coal and segrega tion of extraneous material by ma nual means where CHPs do not exist; (iii) setting up of an independent quality control organisation in each coal company; and (iv) authorising Coal Controller to determine tho grades of coal seems in the mines as also of the coal supplied to tha con sumers and for these purposes to take sample and arrange for the test ing of coal *suo-moto* or if any com plaint in this regard is made by any consumers.

The Power Houses have been asked to witness the loading of wagons and register immediate complaints, the Coal Controller to determine the weekly monitoring of quality complaints is being done in this Deptt. As a result of investigation of complaints disciplinary action has been taken against a number of persons in Central Coalfields Ltd. and other coal companies.

Exploration in North Bihar

504. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA: SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether any exploration has been made to find out petroleum ani natural gas in North Bihar; and